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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For: **Method and Apparatus for Reliably Choosing a Master Network Manager During Initialization of a Network Computing System**

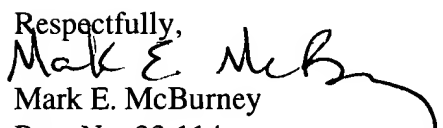
Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 31 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
- ☒ 7 Pages of Claims
- ☒ 8 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 Declarations)
- ☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

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Multiple Dependent Claims	0			X	\$270	=	\$0
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